

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment After Final Rejection is in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 6, 2004 and is submitted to put the pending case into condition for allowance thereof or into better condition for appeal. Consideration and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claims 34-40 remain in the application. Claims 1-33 have been canceled without prejudice.

A. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 34-40 are allowed.

B. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) – Kim and Puchner – Claims 32 and 33

Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the Kim patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,076 issued November 7, 2000 to Puchner, et al. (hereinafter “the Puchner patent”) (Office Action, pages 2-3).

Claims 32 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the present rejection is moot.

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C. 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) – Kim – Claim 32

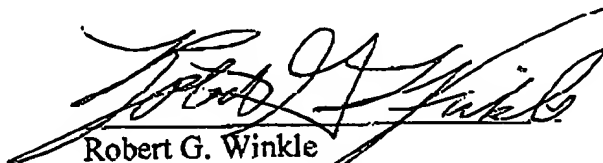
Claim 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Kim patent
(Office Action, page 3).

Claim 32 has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the present rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants request favorable consideration and
allowance of the application.

Please forward further communications to the address of record. If the Examiner needs to
contact the below-signed attorney to further the prosecution of the application, the contact
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Respectfully submitted,

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